



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 4, 2020

Dear Art Teacher:

We would like to invite students of the 16th Congressional District to submit artwork for the 2020 Nationwide "Artistic Discovery" Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives. This competition rewards talented high school students for their artistic abilities and dedication. The winning student will have the distinct privilege of showcasing his or her artwork in our Nation's Capitol and U.S. Representative Mike Kelly will display the second and third place artwork, as well as the honorable mention, in his Washington, D.C. office. The winner will also receive two (round-trip) Southwest Airline tickets to Washington D.C., to attend the National Art Competition Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, July 22, where their artwork will be placed on display in the Capitol Building.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we must alter the Congressional Art Competition for this year. Rather than submit a physical piece of artwork, students who are interested in participating should take clear photos of their artwork as their submission and email the photos to Rep. Mike Kelly's staffer, Mariah Rohan at Mariah.Rohan@mail.house.gov. The required attachments can be submitted by the individual students or art teachers can submit photos on behalf of their students. All submissions must be received by the deadline of 5PM on Monday, June 1.

Enclosed you will find the 2020 "Rules and Regulations" as well as the "Student Information & Release Form" which you, the students, and their parents or legal guardians must complete. We recognize that many students may not be able to have their teacher sign the student release form due to school closures. If they are unable to do so, they may indicate their teacher's support another way. For instance, when submitting the form, the student may attach a brief email from their art teacher certifying the artwork's originality.

Should you or your students have any questions or concerns, please contact Mariah Rohan at the email above or by phone at (814) 454-8190. We truly hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

U.S. Representative Mike Kelly
Sixteenth District, Pennsylvania

2020 Congressional Art Competition



U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (PA16)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, June 1: Artwork submission deadline (5pm)

Thursday, June 4: Winner/Top 4 Awardees will be announced
Via Press Release and Social Media

Wednesday, July 22: National Ceremony in Washington D.C.

FYI: If an art teacher has multiple students submitting photos of their artwork, they can compose one email on behalf of all of their students participating (names listed). This can certify the originality of the artwork and take the place of the art teachers signature on the Student Information & Release Form.



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